

## AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION LOCAL 281 7 Corporate Drive, Unit 122, North Haven, CT 06473 (203) 985-0468 <u>atulocal281@sbeglobal.net</u>

Dear Transportation Committee Members,

My name is Ralph Buccitti I am the chairman of the Ct Joint Bargaining Council of the Amalgamated Transit Union representing bus operators and mechanics in Hartford, New Haven and Stamford.

I have over twenty eight years of experience in the transit industry 24 as a bus operator. I am in support of Senate Bill No.262 an act concerning periodic inspections of public transit buses. We feel that for the safety of our members, the riders and the general public that all transit vehicles should be inspected not just by the agency that operates them. There are several different management companies that operate the public bus system in our state. Safe reliable well maintained vehicles should be the top priority, not cost cutting on repairs to be the lowest bidder on a contract.

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